



## FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Funding to Support COVID-19 Pandemic

### Vaccination Planning FAQ

#### 1. Are vaccinations eligible for FEMA PA reimbursement?\*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) **may be able** to provide supplemental funding through the PA Program for eligible work and associated costs in relation to the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines may be eligible for PA funding when deemed necessary for the distribution and administration of the vaccines consistent with federal guidance and requirements.

#### 2. What sources of funding are available for vaccinations?\*

COVID-19 vaccines will be procured and distributed at no cost to vaccine providers. The cost for vaccine administration will be covered by private and public healthcare providers as well as most insurance or U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) funding. Healthcare providers may be reimbursement for the administration of vaccines to uninsured individuals through HHS's [COVID-19 Uninsured Program](#). Vaccine providers are able to charge an administration fee to the program providing reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines although the Center for Disease Control (CDC) requires that providers administer COVID-19 vaccines regardless of the recipient's insurance coverage or ability to pay vaccine administration fees.

#### 3. What are examples of work and costs that may be eligible for FEMA PA in relation to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Examples of eligible work and costs under FEMA PA include, but are not limited to:

- PPE, other equipment, and supplies required for storing, handing, distributing, transporting, and administering the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - ✓ PPE includes items such as N95 and other filtering respirators, surgical masks, gloves, protective eyewear, face shields, and protective clothing.
  - ✓ Equipment includes coolers, freezers, temperature monitoring devices, and portable vaccine storage units for transportation.
  - ✓ Supplies includes emergency medical supplies for emergency medical care needs that may arise in the administration of the vaccine, sharps and medical waste containers, and supplies necessary for the proper storage such as canisters of liquid nitrogen or dry ice.
  - ✓ Transportation includes refrigerated trucks and transport security when deemed both reasonable and necessary.
- Facility support costs to include leasing space for storage or administration of vaccines, utilities, maintenance, and security.
- Additional staff if reasonable and necessary, including medical and support staff as long as they are not paid for by another funding source.

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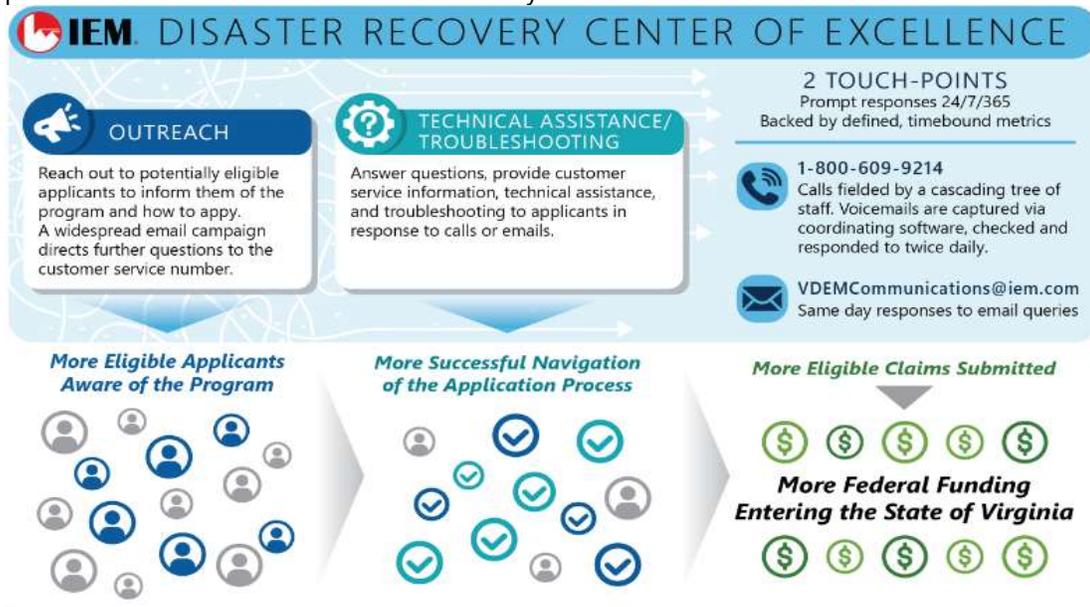
- Onsite infection control measures to include PPE for staff as well as cloth face coverings for patients, temperature scanners, physical barriers, and disinfection in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Emergency medical care associated with vaccine administration such as emergency medical care to address an allergic reaction to the vaccine.
- Medical waste disposal.
- Dissemination of public information to provide warnings and guidance about health and safety hazards such as flyers, public service announcements, or newspaper campaigns consistent with PA guidelines.

**4. Will FEMA require applicants to seek reimbursement of costs through insurance?**

The administration of vaccines may be covered by other mechanisms such as health insurance, TRICARE, Medicare, Medicaid and other HHS funding for uninsured individuals. Costs for which providers have or will receive payments from the above programs are not eligible under PA as it's considered a duplication of funding. Applicants should follow their normal billing practices and must certify that they have not received funding or assistance from insurance for costs submitted for PA reimbursement.

**5. How can I apply for FEMA PA reimbursement if I believe my costs are eligible?**

Applicants should include all vaccination-related costs in their applications for federal PA reimbursement consideration by entering a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) into the FEMA Grants Portal at <https://grantee.fema.gov>. To request additional assistance in filling out your RPA, please reach out to the IEM Disaster Recovery Center of Excellence:





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\*Funding availability is dependent on the eligibility requirements of each program.

Additional information related to COVID-19 vaccine planning and distribution:

- [CDC Interim Playbook](#) (provides vaccination response planning)
- Operation Warp Speed [Fact Sheet](#) and [Vaccine Distribution Strategy](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ](#)
- [CDC: 8 Things to Know About Vaccine Planning](#)
- [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#) (PAPPG) V.4 (2020)
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management: [Disaster Grants Resources](#)

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